

A Vindication of the Quakers

FROM THE

Aspersions cast upon them of being PAPISTS, and likewise to shew, That they are not against Fighting when there is Just Cause for it. As is apparent by the following Abstract of their own Writings, which are Published at this Juncture to undeceive the Simple, and for the better Uniting of all Protestants against the Common Enemy.

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Edward Burrough's WORKS.

A Message Procl. to the Pope, pag. 472, 473.

THOU Mountain, Thus saith the Lord to thee, I will lay thee low, I will break thee down, my Hand shall not spare, my Eye shall not pity, but I shall tear and rend, and give unto thee and unto all Men the Fruit of your Doings; innocent Blood cries unto Me, that hath been unjustly shed: And now I am risen, and I am begun to work in the Earth, and I will go through Nations, and tread them down under my Power; and My Power shall knock at thy Gates, and break down thy strength, and it shall prevail against thee: Wherefore, Thou Pope, Chief Bishop of Rome, this is unto thee from the Mouth of the Lord.

E. B. a Trumpet Sounded, pag. 102.

TO all you call'd Papists, to your whole Body and Head at Rome, &c. Thus assuredly saith the Lord, My Controversie is against you, and my Vengeance, and Wrath, and Fury, shall for ever, world without end, be upon you; and though you pardon one another, yet, will not I pardon any one of you.

E. B. an Alarm Sounded in the Popes Borders,
Pag. 536, 537, 538, 539, 540.

AND this lay upon me to declare in the Name of the Lord, to Governour Lechart (Governour of Dunkirk) his Officers, &c. That if they did enterprize any Business, as they were an Army in Opposition unto us, and in that Spirit that did reject us, and deny us, and gain-say us; then should they never prosper in any Enterprize whatsoever; but if they went on in the Fear of the Lord, and in that Spirit that was amongst us, then should they overcome their Enemies, and none should have Power over them, to overcome them.

His Instructions to the Army in and about Dunkirk.

AND that there be no more a looking back, till you have visited Rome, and inquired after, and sought out the innocent Blood that is buried therein, and avenge the Blood of the Guiltless, through all the Dominions of the Pope, The Blood of the Just Crys, through Italy and Spain, and the Time is come, that the Lord will arch it, and seek it out, and repay it, and it would your Honour to be made use of by the Lord in any degree, in order to this Matter.

And this I also believe, that the Lord will do it, or make way hereunto, even by you the Men of our English Nation, if you be faithful. What are these few poor Islands that you have run through, and laid many Mountains low, they are but little in Comparison of the great Part of Christendom, in which Idolatry and great Oppressions do abound, which the Hand of the Lord is against, and which He will take Vengeance upon: But there are many Mountains in the Way; wherefore, hew down the Tops, strike at the Branches, make way that the Ax may be laid to the Root of the Tree, that your Sword, and the Sword of the Lord, may neither leave Root nor Branch of Idolatry, Oppression, and Tyranny; your Sword is to be lifted up against them, it is the Lords Work I know, to make Men truly Religious, but yet the Lord may work by you, to break down the Bryars and Thorns, and Rocks and Hills that have set themselves against the Lord.

God will make their Riches, and their falsely-Consecrated Vessels and Treasures, even a Spoil and a Prey unto you, if you be faithful.

Your Work hath been (and may be) Honourable in its Day, and your Victory hath been of the Lord; so be low in your own Eyes, and seek the Glory of God, and the Freedom of the Oppressed, and in that you will be Blessed, and Prosper, till you have set up your Standard at the Gates of Rome, &c.

G. F. to the Council of Officers, &c.

O Friends, the Power of God you have abused, the Just have been trodden under Foot, who have been put out of the Army, and publick Services. Now had you been faithful in the Power of the Lord, which once stirred, this Nation needed not have been afraid of any Nation upon Earth, but your Dread would have sounded over the World, but when you lost the Power of God, with which you had brushed at the outside of things, then you turn'd against, and put them in Prison that struck at the Root. And had you been faithful to the Power of the Lord God, which first carry'd you on, you had gone into the Midst of Spain into their Land, to require the Blood of the Innocent: that there had been shed, and commanded them to have offered up their Inquisitions to you, and gone over them as the Wind, and knock't at Rome Gates before now, and trampled Deceit and Tyrants under, and demanded the Pope himself, and have commanded him to have offered up all his *Torture-Houses*, his *Wracks*, and *Inquisitions*, (which you should have found as black as Hell) and broke up all the Bars and Gates, where all the Just Blood hath been shed, which should have been required, and this you should have seen done in the Power, when you had been the Dread of all Nations, you had been a Dread to them, and should have set up a Standard at Rome, and then you should have sent for the Turks

A Idol,

and plucked up Idolatry, and cried
CHRIST the only King and Lord, and then Peo-
ple would have said you had gone on in the Cause of
GOD and His Truth: And so if you had gone to
have made Inquisition for Blood, and have demanded all
the Inquisitions abroad in the whole Christendom, where-
by the innocent Blood had been shed, then all the People
in the whole Christendom that feared the Lord, would
have said with one Consent, *These are the Men that are
gone out for GOD's Cause*, pag. 3.

Many Valiant Captains, Souldiers and Officers, have
been put out of the Army by Sea and Land, of whom
it hath been said among you, *That you had rather have
had one of them, then seven Men, and could have turned
one of them to seven Men*, who because of their Faith-
fulness to the Lord, being faithful towards Him; it
may be for saying *Christ to a Particular*, and for wear-
ing their Quirs, have been turn'd out from amongst you,
page, 5.

Oh! How are Men fallen from that which they were
first, when Thousands of us went in the Front of
you, and were with you in the greatest Heat! pag. 6.

Oh! How is the Sincerity choked, smothered and
grieved by the Fatness of the Earth, whereby they
have forgotten the Lord, and His Arm and Power,
that once carried them on! pag. 7.

And if ever, You Souldiers, and true Officers, come
again into the Power of GOD, (which hath been lost)
never set up your Standards until you come to Rome,
and it be a top of Rome, then there let your Standards
stand, and look at the Power of the Lord God, and ne-
ver heed Gold nor Silver, for the Power of the Lord
will give you enough, pag. 8.

*From a Lover of all Souls, who
stands in the Edition before
the World began.*

George Fox and Edw. Burrough: *Good Council, &c.*
to Oliver and Richard, Protectors, pag. 26, 27.

OH Oliver! Hadst thou been faithful, and thunder'd
down Decit, the *Hollanders* had been thy Subjects
and Tributaries, and *Germany* had been given up, to have
done thy Will, and the *Spaniard* had quiver'd like a dry
leaf, the King of France should have bowed under thee
his Neck, the Pope should have wither'd as in Winter,
the *Turk* in all his Fatness should have smoked; Thou
shouldst not have stood trilling about small things, but
minded the Work of the Lord as he began with thee
at first, sober men, and true Hearts took part with thee;
Oh take heed and do not slight such, lest thou weaken
thy self, and not disown such as the Lord hath owned;
thy Dread is not yet all gone, nor thy Amazement;
arise and come out, for hadst thou been faithful, thou
shouldst have crumbled Nations to dust, for that had
been thy place.

*A Lover of thy Soul, and eternal
Good, and for establishing
Peace and Righteousness a-
mongst the People,*

G. Fox.

G. F. to O. C.

Friend, Thou shouldst have invited all Christians up-
on Earth in all Nations that are against Popery, to
come in, and join with thee against Popery, for thou
hast had Authority, stand to it, lose it not, nor a-
buse it, nor let any other take thy Crown, and do not
stand cumbering thy self about dirty Priests that flatter
thee for Means; and invite all them that profess against
the Pope in all Nations, to join with thee against him,
and do not lose thy Dominion nor Authority, nor the
Wisdom of GOD, but with that thou mayst order all,
and that will keep thee single in Heart and Mind to the

Lord, and let thy *Souldiers* go forth with a free wil-
ling Heart, that thou mayst rock Nations as a Cradle,
and keep them in the Fear of the Lord, and all thy
Souldiers, and them that be under thee: This is a Charge
to thee, in the Presence of the Lord God, pag. 36, 37.

*I am a Lover of thy Soul, and
eternal Good, and an Estab-
lisher of Righteousness.*

Edward Burrough to Oliver Cromwel, p. 31, 33, 35.

O Friend, Know that there is a GOD that doth
whatsoever He will, all Power is in His Hand,
and He bringeth to pass the Council of his own Heart,
and He Rules in the Kingdoms of Men, and bringeth
down and setteth up; He killeth and maketh alive, He
changeth Times and Seasons, and Governments, and
bringeth to nought the Councils of Men, for all Power
in Heaven and in Earth is in Him; and all His Doings
are right, and His Ways are equal, &c.

Arise and stand up for the Lord, and He will give
thee Strength and Victory, and will make thy Horn as
Iron, and thy Hoof as Brass to push down, and tread
under the High-Places of Idolatry in all the Apostatiz'd
Churches, both Papists and others, &c.

And as concerning thy War and Armies abroad,
something there is in it, known to the Lord; seek not
thy own Honour in it, but be faithful, and leave the
Issue of all things to the Lord; make no Covenant with
Idolaters, but tread down their Idol-Gods that they
have set up, and hew down their Mountains in which
their Confidence stands, and plow up their Ground, that
the Seed may be Sown after thee; it's Honour enough
to be the Lords Plow-Man, be thou faithful in what
the LORD calls thee to, and thou shalt receive thy
Reward, &c.

By a Friend to thee in the Lord,
E. Burrough.

George Fox to Richard Cromwel Protector, p. 51.

Friend, take heed of putting off Honest Godly Men
out of the Army, in so doing thou wilt lame thy
self, and weaken thy Authority, and remove thy self
out of the Hearts of them that fear God.

*From a Lover of thy Soul, and thy
Eternal Good, and establishing
of Righteousness,*

G. F.

A DECLARATION from the People called Quakers.

WE are Friends to any appearance of Good that
may come forth in Truth and Sincerity, and
as Righteousness doth appear in any, we are ready to
joyn with it in our Prayers and Desires; yea, and other-
wise, even that which hath the Image of God upon it;
whenever it shall appear we shall rejoyce thereat, and
add our Help thereunto, that it may prosper; for the
establishing of Righteousness in the Earth, our All is
not dear unto us, &c. p. 14. Written by

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Tho. Hart,
Gilbert Latye,
John Osgood,
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James Strut,
John Crook,
Benjamin Furly,

And several others.

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